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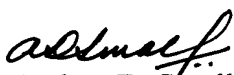
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

This Amendment is filed in response to the Office Action mailed on June 30, 2004. In that Office Action a three month shortened statutory period was set for response, extendible up to six months from the mailing date of the Office Action, and this Amendment is therefore timely. If it is determined, however, that any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17 are due in connection with this Reply, authorization is hereby given to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 02-2955.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

AMENDMENT

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Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.